

BUDGET WEEK

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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation scheduled for the House floor

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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) **Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase** (H.Con.Res. 21). This resolution has no budget implications.



2) Recognizing the Importance and Contributions of Sportsmen to American Society, Supporting the Traditions and Values of Sportsmen, and Recognizing the Many Economic Benefits Associated with Outdoor Sporting Activities (H.Res. 362). This resolution has no budget implications.



- 3) **To Authorize an Exchange of Land at Fort Frederica National Monument** (H.R. 1113). H.R. 1113 would authorize the National Park Service to exchange 6 acres of land within the boundary of the Fort Frederica National Monument in Georgia for 8.7 acres of nearby property owned by the Christ Church. The bill neither increases direct spending spending not subject to appropriations nor reduces revenue.
- 4) Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003 (H.R. 1409).
 H.R. 1409 would require the National Park Service to exchange 143 acres of land (known as the Ravensford tract) within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway for a 218-acre parcel (the Yellow Face tract) owned by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. The bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.
- 5) Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act (H.R. 2059).
 H.R. 2059 would designate the Fort Bayard Historic District
 in New Mexico as the Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark. The bill would authorize the Department of
 the Interior to execute cooperative agreements with nonfederal entities and to provide technical and
 financial assistance to such entities for historic preservation activities. The bill neither increases direct
 spending nor reduces revenue.
- 6) *Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act* (S. 278). S. 278 would adjust the existing boundary of the Mount Naomi Wilderness in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah. The adjustment would exclude from the

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PLEASE NOTE: This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to address support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems. Also note: Floor schedules and legislative details are subject to change after publication.

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wilderness area about 31 acres of land and, subject to valid existing rights, would add 31 acres of other national forest land. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

7) To Extend the Authority for the Construction of a Memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia (H.R. 1209).



H.R. 1209 would extend until 12 November 2006, the authority to construct a memorial to Martin Luther King Jr. on Federal lands in Washington, DC. The extension would give the site's sponsor an additional three years to obtain the necessary funds and complete the project. Under current law, authority to construct the site will expire on 12 November 2003. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

- 8) To Direct the Secretary of the Interior to Conduct a Special Resource Study to Determine the National Significance of the Miami Circle Site in the State of Florida as Well as the Suitability and Feasibility of its Inclusion in the National Park System as Part of Biscayne National Park (S. 111).
- S. 111 would direct the Department of the Interior to conduct a study of the Miami Circle, a recently discovered archaeological site in Miami, FL. The study would determine the national significance of the site as well as the feasibility and suitability of including it within Biscayne National Park. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.
- 9) Coltsville Study Act of 2003 (S. 233). S. 233 would direct the Department of the



Interior to conduct a study of an area in Connecticut known as Coltsville to evaluate the area's national significance. The study also would assess the feasibility and suitability of designating Coltsville as a unit of the National Park System. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

10) Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building Designation Act (H.R. 2826). This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

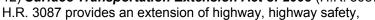


11) J.C. Lewis Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act (H.R. 2533).

This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.



12) Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003 (H.R. 3087).





motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. The bill's authorizations extend for the 5-month period of 1 October 2003 through 29 February 2003. In the event a multivear law reauthorizing the Federal-aid highway program is not enacted by 1 June 2004, H.R. 3087 authorizes the Secretary to distribute remaining amounts of obligation authority for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs provided in the fiscal year 2004 appropriations for the Department of Transportation. The bill is consistent with the budget resolution and complies with the Congressional Budget Act.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Water Resources Development Act of 2003 (H.R. 2557). Bill:



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee:

H.R. 2557 authorizes the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Army Corps of Summary:

Engineers, to conduct water resource studies and undertake specified projects and

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Budget Week Page 2 programs for flood control, inland navigation, shoreline protection, and environmental restoration. The bill authorizes the Secretary to conduct studies on water resource needs and feasibility studies for specified projects, and to convey ownership of certain Federal properties. Finally, the bill extends, terminates, or modifies existing authorizations for various water projects and authorizes new programs to develop water resources and protect the environment.

Cost:

H.R. 2557 would cost about \$2.6 billion over the 2004-08 period, assuming the appropriation of discretionary budget authority. In addition, the bill would increase direct spending by \$17 million over the 2004-08 period. The primary source of this increase in direct spending is the permanent authorization for the Corps to retain and spend annual recreation fees collected in excess of \$34 million a year. The Corps' authority to retain and spend those fees expired at the end of fiscal year 2002. This extension would cost about \$3 million a year.

Budget Act:

Though the bill increases direct spending, it does not exceed the allocation of budget authority to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Neither does the measure cause any revenue loss.

Bill: Making Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2004.

Committee: Appropriations

Summary: It is expected that before the end of the week, a continuing resolution will be considered

on the floor. No information is available at this time on the length of such a resolution, nor whether it will include provisions in addition to simply providing funding authority for the operation of the Federal government. Though continuing resolutions typically provide budget authority only for short periods of time, for scoring purposes, the Budget Committee assumes the funding will continue for a full year, hence "annualizing" the cost of the bill. By this measure, it is not expected that any continuing resolution will cause the overall allocation of budget authority to the Appropriations Committee be exceeded. It is

not expected to include any emergency designations or any advance appropriations.

Cost: No cost estimate was available at the time of publication.

Budget Act: Although no information is available, the resolution is not expected to violate the

Congressional Budget Act.